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DEAR JUDGE;

WHEN REVIEWING THE PFJ, PLEASE THINK OF WHERE OUR NATION WOULD BE WITH ONLY ONE OIL COMPANY (STANDARD OIL) OR WITH ONLY ONE RAILROAD CORPORATION...

MONOPOLIES ARE INHERENTLY BAD FOR OUR INDUSTRY, OUR ECONOMY AND OUR NATION. AND I DON'T THINK THAT ANYONE LOOKING SERIOUSLY AT THE NUMBERS WOULD ARGUE THAT MS DOESN'T AT LEAST HAVE A DEFACTO MONOPOLY IN OUR INDUSTRY.

AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN MS HAS ABUSED ITS MONOPOLY POSITION TO PUT ITS COMPETITORS OUT OF BUSINESS. AND NOW THE GOV'T WANTS TO TRUST MS NOT TO DO IT AGAIN (WHICH IS HOW I READ THE PFJ).

THAT IS RIDICULOUS...AND IT WILL BE A SERIOUS BLOW TO THE AMERICAN SOFTWARE INDUSTRY.

PLEASE TAKE A COURAGEOUS STAND FOR FREE MARKETS. PLEASE STAND AGAINST THE MICROSOFT MONOPOLY.

THANK YOU.

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